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TO STUDY NATURAL RESOURCES

IN CONNECTION WITH SEPTTEL, TEXTS OF TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
WHICH WILL BE BEFORE 57TH ECOSOC FOLLOW:

(A) US-SPONSORED RES ON "GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS TO
STUDY NATURAL RESOURCES" (A/AC.166/L/44):

"1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION
WITH GOVERNMENTS, TO APPOINT FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
SECTORS AND ON A BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS, AN INTER-
NATIONAL GROUP OF 20 EMINENT PERSONS INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED
WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS TO
BE SUPPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS OF THE SECRETARIAT TO:

"(A) UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATELY, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
THE SECRETARIAT, A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF THE EARTH'S
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NON-RENEWABLE AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES, RELYING WHENEVER
POSSIBLE ON EXISTING SOURCES OF INFORMATION;

"(B) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING A GLOBAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM TO FORESHADOW IMPENDING SURPLUSES AND SCARCITIES;

"(C) REPORT ITS FINAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-NINTH SESSION IN JULY 1975 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SPECIAL SESSION TO TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 1975;

"2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, TO ANALYSE AND DISSEMINATE DATA ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND UTILIZE THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY, WHEN IT IS ESTABLISHED TO CONDUCT LONG-TERM AND BASIC RESEARCH ON RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY ON THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY;

"3. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION, AS WELL AS OTHER APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES NOW KNOWN TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY DURING THE DECADE;

"4. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF COMMODITIES WITH RESPECT TO PRODUCTION, EXPORT, IMPORTS, STOCKS, PRICES, ARTIFICIAL RESTRICTIONS ON SUPPLY AND TRADE;

"5. REQUESTS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CO-OPERATE IN THE EFFORTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE BY MAKING AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND FUNDS THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE CHANNELS, PARTICULARLY FOR EXPLORATIONS IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES."

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(B) FRENCH-SPONSORED RES ENTITLED "UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC OBSERVATORY" (A/AC.166/L.35/REV. 1):

"CONVINCED THAT THE OPERATION OF RAW MATERIALS MARKETS CAN BE IMPROVED ONLY IF THE INFORMATION ON WHICH THESE MARKETS ARE BASED IS WIDELY KNOWN,

"CONSIDERING THAT IN THE CASE OF A NUMBER OF RAW MATERIALS, INCLUDING SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT, THE

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS
OFTEN PARTIAL, SCATTERED OR NON-EXISTENT,

"1. BELIEVES THAT A SERIES OF STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO
ENSURE BETTER KNOWLEDGE AND A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE
MARKETS;

"2. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH FOR THIS PURPOSE WITHIN THE
UNITED NATIONS A CENTRAL ECONOMIC OBSERVATORY WITH THE
TASK OF:

"(A) COLLECTING INFORMATION ON THE PRICES ACTUALLY
QUOTED IN MAJOR TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING MINERAL, ENERGY
AND AGRICULTURAL RAW MATERIALS, INCLUDING TROPICAL
PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO
INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND READILY AVAILABLE
QUOTATIONS;

"(B) ANALYSING THE CONDITIONS WHICH DETERMINE THE
PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS (SUPPLY AND DEMAND, RESERVES AND
STOCKS, OPERATING COSTS, FEASIBILITY AND COST OF
REPLACEMENT, MARKETING CHANNELS, ETC.);

"(C) DETERMINING THE SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM
OUTLOOK FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT;

"(D) ESTABLISHING SETS OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES
TO SERVE AS A REFERENCE BASE, AND UNDERTAKING ALL
NECESSARY STATISTICAL STUDIES ON PRODUCTION AND CON-
SUMPTION PRICES;

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"(E) DRAWING, WHERE NECESSARY, THE ATTENTION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO IMBALANCES WHICH MAY
DRASTICALLY AND SERIOUSLY DISRUPT THE CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY
AND DEMAND AND HENCE THE PRICES OF THESE PRODUCTS;

"(F) PROVIDING OBJECTIVE BASIC DATA FOR THE
NEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS
ON RAW MATERIALS;

"3. REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES TO
CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE ECONOMIC OBSERVATORY,
ESPECIALLY BY FACILITATING THE COLLECTION AND PROVISION
OF THE RELEVANT INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE
ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE;

"4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE THE
NECESSARY MEASURES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE VARIOUS

COMPETENT UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES CONCERNED, TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION, BEARING IN MIND THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF RAW MATERIALS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

"5. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION ON THE MEASURES TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION.

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